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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

County Ticket.

For County Treasurer, WALTER GEORGE.
For Sheriff, Capt. V. O. TALBOT.
For County Clerk, JAMES CHITTICK.
For Clerk of Dist. Court, Lieut. H. F. KENNEDY.
For County Judge, J. A. ARMOUR.
For County Superintendent, J. B. TAGGART.
For County Surveyor, F. R. KANTWERP.
For County Coroner, Dr. H. F. DAVIES.

Township Ticket.

Clerk, W. W. COWLES.
Treasurer, J. M. KIMBERLING.
Justices of the Peace, J. J. SNYDER, L. McCANDLESS.
Constables, P. M. TOWSE, Wm. BARRITT.
Road Overseers, Dist. No. 1, CHAS. DAVIS, Dist. No. 2, J. B. KENYON, Dist. No. 3, JOHN BOYCE, Dist. No. 4, I. N. PERSHALL, Dist. No. 5, F. H. AITCHER, Dist. No. 6, G. E. CADWELL, Dist. No. 7, C. T. WRIGHT.

Supervisor District Conventions.

DISTRICT NO. 2.
The republican superior convention of district no. 2, Custer county Nebraska is hereby called to meet in Round Valley school house Sept. 20th at 1 o'clock p. m. to place in nomination a candidate for superior for said district and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the convention. The basis of representation is the same as for the county convention.
J. O. TAYLOR, Chm. D.

DISTRICT NO. 4.
The delegates of superior district no. 4 will meet in convention at Oconto, on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for superior of said district.
J. L. CORPSON.

Vote the republican ticket, and you will vote for competent and loyal men, deserving of your suffrage.

Judge Armour should have every vote of the county for judge, if competency and genuine worth is to be considered.

Lieut. Horace Kennedy, the wounded soldier who braved the enemy's bullets to the last, and staid to come with his regiment, deserves the vote of every loyal citizen of Custer county. He is both competent and worthy.

The Beacon stopped over last week in sympathy with Charley Penn, because he failed to get the nomination for sheriff, but had he secured the nomination, the Beacon would have had more to say against him than any other paper in the county.

Walter George's experience as a member of the county board, and his noble record in that office, has better prepared him for the duties of county treasurer than has been any aspirant for that office in the past, who had not previously filled the position. Give him your vote.

Talk about highway robbers and hold ups! But the dem-pops, who held up Ex-Gov. Holcomb at the state convention, until he pledged to give up all his rail road passes are the most inconsiderate of them all. The old adage, "that there is honor among rogues" did not apply."

Attorney General Smythe has attacked the Standard Oil company under the anti-trust law. He will have about as much effect on that monopoly as a mosquito would on the hide of a rhinoceros, but a campaign is on and the pop managers must make their usual bluff at doing something.—Callaway Courier.

"Several of the townships were entirely without representation in the convention,"—Beacon.
Will the Beacon please name a single township in the county that was not represented in the republican convention by bona fide residents of their respective townships? "Better tell the truth," brother. We have the credentials on file in this office from every township in the county placed on file the day of the convention, hence we know whereof we speak when we brand the assertion as maliciously false.

"With this issue of the Beacon, the campaign opens in Custer county. We expect to hear to the line, and let the chips fall where they may"—Beacon.

If the Beacon means that it has started out for a campaign of personal mud slinging, we do not accept the challenge, but if it is a challenge to a live campaign, where men and politics shall receive their portion in due season, we accept the challenge, and without boasting, we refer you to the present issue of the REPUBLICAN as the initial number, and as a sample of what is to follow.

The political trust of the "allied forces of reform" is about busted in the Sixth Congressional district. The two conventions met at Lexington last week, and after a stormy time the pop wing of the trust nominated Bill Neville of North Platte, and the democrats nominated M. C. Harrington. No mention of the free silver republican wing of the trust is made. The democrats insisted on a democrats being agreed upon by the trust, as the candidates have heretofore been conceded to the pops, but as usual where the pops have had the most votes, they want to hog the whole cheese, and that busted the trust. Neville has held office almost continuously for twenty-five years. He is said to be the most noted poker player in the Sixth district, and always plays for big stakes.—Seward Blade.

It is said that Wm. Neville, of North Platte, who was nominated for congress by the populists, always plays for big stakes, but that is no evidence that he always wins. He may be as good a poker player as the party has, but the political game that he put up to secure the congressional nomination, will not be a winning game for him this time. The better class of the populist party will spurn him, and every loyal democrat will assist in his defeat. As a prominent democrat remarked recently, the populist party has run its race, and the sooner it is defeated the better it is for all parties concerned," the office seeker, of course, excepted. Had the populists put up a popular man, they would have retained the respect of the public at least, but to force upon a ticket a man of Neville's unsavory reputation for so high an office, can bring nothing but disgust for the party that did it.

"Our Attitude towards the Philippines should be the same as it is toward Cuba," says the Advocate. That is just the attitude we have assumed. If the Cubans should undertake to resist the authorities of the United States by armed resistance, while we exercise a censorship over them for the purpose of protecting life and property, and in giving them stable government, their resistance would meet the same treatment they have invoked in Manila. The United States has offered the Philippines a stable form of self government, which even Aguinaldo acknowledges as all right, but puts in the plea that he has no confidence in this government. The fact is, no government that the United States could establish would recognize Aguinaldo as supreme, which is the height of his ambition. The war being waged in the Philippines is the result of the Filipino opposition to law and order being maintained, and until the insurgents lay down their arms, a military government is absolutely necessary.

Our local contemporary across the way is growing desperate over the political situation. It is an evidence that the Beacon feels that the chances for pop success in the county are serious. When a man reaches the stage that he will resort to deception and downright falsehood to bolster up his case, it shows weakness for the cause and a deplorable state of mind for the one that does it. Its assertion that in this campaign the Beacon proposes to call a "spade a spade and a hoe a hoe," is not sufficient justification for calling the opposition papers "black liars," and making other insinuations against the nominees of the republican ticket, when the truth would be more convincing and much more manly. A "black liar" may sound smooth to a constant companion of Beadle's dime novels, but such expressions are not an evidence of culture or refinement among people of education or christian tendencies. The Beacon made this statement last week:

"The report which was published in every g. o. p. paper in this county the following week after the populist convention to the effect that Fred Cummings, the nominee for county judge, after he received the nomination stated to the convention that if he was elected he would serve his party first and the people next was as black a lie as ever appeared in the columns of any newspaper. It was absolutely false. He made no such statement. Better tell the truth."

If the statement was false, why is it that our friendly contemporary had not told its readers so weeks ago? Is it not a fact that it has

just dawned upon the pop central committee that there was no plausible excuse that could be offered for their candidate making such a statement, and that the only thing to do was to deny that Cummings ever made it? It is no credit to the Beacon editors that they have allowed themselves to utter so base a falsehood, patent to all who heard it. That the statement was in substance made, is not only known to be a fact, by the republican editors, but is known to every one present in the pop convention. A number of loyal pops who heard the statement have spoken of it to us personally, and deplored the fact that one with so little sense of political sagacity should have secured the nomination on their ticket. It is a sad commentary on any one who attempts to strengthen a bad cause by the use of falsehood, much more so on a newspaper advocating reform?

True to its creed, our contemporary across the way last week assails the republican party for its loyalty to the American soldier. The Beacon says:

"All that is necessary in the eyes of the average republican, to qualify a man for office, is to know that he had a hand in some war or another. If he is a son of a veteran who took part in the war of '61 to '65, all O. K.—nothing further needed. It cropped out plainly at the republican convention last Saturday in this city, that a Philippine war record is to win the day in the future. They imagine they have a winner in the person of Claris Talbot for sheriff. The young man hasn't a single qualification to recommend him for the duties of the office."

We plead guilty to the charge of being prejudiced in favor of the American soldier, whether he was in the civil war of the sixties, or in the recent conflict with Spain. We hold that a true soldier who bears his breast to face the bullets of the enemy, for the welfare of the nation, is worthy of the admiration and pride of the country, and that he is entitled to any official position to which he aspires and is competent to fill. A man who holds otherwise, shows a lack of gratitude and loyalty to his government. We deny the insinuation that having been a soldier in the Philippine war, alone, qualifies him in the eyes of the average republican for any position. No party in existence has a record of being more careful in selecting competent men for positions of honor and trust than the republican party. The convention recently held, to which the Beacon alludes, was no exception to the rule. Every man nominated for an office in that convention is equal or superior in qualifications for the office, to the nominees on the populist ticket. A party that will nominate for a second term a man like Doc Brown for coroner, who has not a single qualification for the office, not only shows its utter disregard for qualifications, but invites the antagonism and disgust of every enlightened citizen, as well as the overwhelming defeat at the polls that awaits it. When the Beacon says that Claris Talbot hasn't a single qualification to recommend him for the duties of the office of sheriff, it again shows its utter disregard for the record of a brave soldier, and its internal hatred for a man who had the courage of his convictions, and won by his heroism and soldierly conduct the promotion to captain in his regiment. In education, Captain Talbot is second to none that ever filled the office of sheriff in Custer county. In the scores of battles in which he participated in the Philippine Islands, the last twelve months, his diplomacy and courage in time of war, has proven him to be equal to any emergency in time of peace. By nature he is endowed with good judgment, conservative, yet resolute. He acquired a good business education in school, and being associated with one of our most careful business men, J. G. Haeblerle, of our city, for a number of years, before enlisting in the army, his training in order and system is first class. His military experience for the past year and a half, when it became his duty to discipline boys and make soldiers of them, has especially qualified him for the office of sheriff, and

strengthened his executive ability. Although he is young in years, he is a man in experience and demeanor. In every particular he is superior to his pop rival for the office to which he aspires. Talk about competency! Where, in a single instance, does Fred Cummings compare with J. A. Armour, the experienced lawyer and jurist, for the office of county judge? As we before stated, there is not a single exception where the qualifications of the candidate on the republican ticket do not equal or exceed the pop nominee.

The Beacon seems to be very much exercised over the Philippine war, and tries to prove that the United States has no right to wage war against the inhabitants there, because there is an element in the islands that oppose us. In proof of that position the Beacon quotes the declaration of independence, which says that "all governments should derive their just powers from the consent of the governed," and then Alexander Hamilton is quoted as saying that the fabrics of the American empire should rest upon the solid rock of the success of the governed." That doctrine is correct, and has never been denied. But the fact is the Filipinos have never had a government, nor have they as yet been sufficiently protected in their rights so as to be able to express their will or wish of a government. An army of robbers and murderers has existed there for years, who labor under the pretense that their object is freedom, but who have been a terror to the government and all well disposed and civilized people for ages. The declaration of independence never contemplated that the lawless, vicious, and untutored of any country are to be considered in determining the government of which they may be a part. The Indians who chanced to occupy this continent when our forefathers landed, were not consulted as to what form of government our ancestors should establish, and from that day to this the Indian has been subject to our laws, but not with their consent. Has the spirit of the declaration of independence been violated? For centuries the Indian continued in a state of warfare against our race. The horrible Indian massacre in the sixties in Minnesota is yet fresh in the minds of our older citizens, who rebelled against the government because the white man assumed the right to occupy this country without their consent. Did the government do wrong in hunting down these treacherous redskins, for their indiscriminate murder of innocent men, women and children? God forbid. Shall the government, now, since by an incident of war with Spain it was placed in government control of the Philippine Islands, yield its government to a murderous and unprincipled leader of another grade of the same redskin that terrorized our people for ages? Would it be honorable or right in the sight of God or man to turn the more intelligent, civilized people, and the business interests of those people over to an army of unprincipled, inhuman creatures, to murder, burn and destroy, and to appropriate to their use whatever they would? No, God has not so designed, nor did he put those islands and their people under our protection for any such purpose. Our government fell heir to those islands as an incident of the war with Spain. Spain has been in possession of them for hundreds of years. The rule of Spain was tyrannical, and was not calculated to elevate the spiritual or intellectual condition of the inhabitants. As the successor of Spain, we assume grave responsibilities. We have a great duty to perform, and we will not shrink from it. Those benighted people are to be educated, civilized, christianized. First order and government must be established. Circumstances have made it necessary that the army and navy of this country must be used to restore order. When order is restored, this government has in store for that country that which will not only be for the best interests of all the people of the islands, but will be acceptable. It will be an independent form of government, in which the natives, as soon as the situation will warrant, may have full control, this government exercising a protectorate over only sufficient to protect them from the greed of other nations. Had it not been for the Aguinaldo supporters of this country, ere this time a civil government for that country would have been already established, and there would not have been the blood shed that has been since last February.

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